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## A Letter from a Tourist

Mrs. Andrew Mackey who with her husband is doing the Orient this winter, wrote from Hotel Continental Athens, Greece to her sister, Miss Kate Dewey most interestingly on Dec. 10 prox, the letter reaching here about New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackey stayed a month in Rome and then ventured on to Athens on a Greek steamer from Corfu which is described as being picturesque, lying between two great forts. The houses are described as being very tall and each story owned by a different person, who can build as he chooses. The Palace Achilleon which was built for the Empress Elizabeth of Austria who was murdered at Geneva was of much interest. It is now owned by Emperor William. The tourists made no stop at Patras or Old Corinth. The tourists had already visited much of the country which was the scene of St. Paul's ministry, hence wrote little of Syracuse, Naples, Dorne and the hill in Athens where he preached. Entering the churches there, one buys a little candle and places it in a large candelabra which holds about 100, all burning. No seats—the men stand ranged in the middle aisle and the women in the outside aisles, being very similar to conditions in the churches in America where the men are practically surrounded by women, whether standing or seated. The worshippers cross themselves and kiss a picture of the Virgin Mary done in silver. The not Catholic, the forms and ceremonies are very similar in the Greek churches. Funerals are conducted by a man in solemn garb going ahead with the lid of the coffin, which is lined with blue with a big cross. The priests, clothed in long white garb and tall black hats chanting a doleful dirge, follow the lid. Next six men with the corpse on their shoulders, its face exposed and the body covered with flowers. Then next in the procession the relatives of the deceased and then the friends, and the end of the ceremony is the same as it is the world over.

Mrs. Mackey condensed description of the wonderful, old historic structures in Athens, most of which are mere ruins, but which convey to your mind their grandeur in ages past. The Temple of Theseus is said to be not only the best preserved in Athens, but of any in Greek territory, the 2000 years old. The dates on some of the tombs in the old burial grounds are in the 4th century. Mrs. Mackey enjoyed the sights on the streets as much as anything else. The strange costumes of the men, who wore tight and skirts, fancy vests and fox head gear, and the women wearing veils instead of hats—the one method of passenger and freight traffic, the little donkey loaded from ears to dorsal extremity, such horses as are used being of aristocratic ownership and decked out in blue beaded regalia men playing with amber beads for past time—pink and blue houses with both front and back yard on the roof—the numerous priests in flowing robes and surmounted with brimless tall black hats as large as the crown as a plate, some with close cropped hair and others with long hair done in a knot, and all bearded, all who wish to be married—large droves of goats and no adulteration of the milk, as when you purchase, the milkman stops a nanny and milks her on the spot—the old women and the old men—these are the things that

the whole next to Beddau, but highly entertaining and enjoyable to strangers. During the 3 weeks Mrs. Mackey had stayed in Athens she declares every moment enjoyed.

She expected to leave for Alexandria, Egypt about the 15th of Dec., from which city or Cairo she promised another letter. We regret that space is too scarce for us to give Mrs. Mackey's letter in full. We may be granted the privilege of telling what she has to say about Egypt.

## Equitable Life Assurance Building Burned in New York

Another "strictly fire proof building, the marble beauty, the home of the Equitable, burned in New York last Tuesday, together with a number of other buildings in the near neighborhood. For the first time, the chief ordered every fire-fighting apparatus in the city on the scene. Ice covered firemen by the score were overcome and dragged away. People in the building made miraculous escapes, and the fatalities were few owing to the early hour of 8 o'clock a. m. A conservative estimate of the cash and securities in the various vaults of the buildings burned places the amount at about one-half billion dollars. The vaults are in no condition to open and the destruction or damage to this wealth cannot now be determined.

## National Democratic Convention at Baltimore June 25, 1912

There were 5 strong contestants for the next National Democratic Convention, Baltimore, St. Louis, New York, Chicago and Denver. Baltimore won by getting 9 boosters on the National Committee, \$100,000 and pledging that hotels would not raise the rates during the convention. Gov. Francis and Ex-Mayor Rolla Wells made a very strong fight for St. Louis, but that \$40,000 was enough to meet all expenses of the city and were against offering more. The convention is a week later than the Republican Convention to be held in Chicago.

Christian Staibus, aged 89 years, died Tuesday Jan. 2, at his old home north of Brunswick. He left his wife and 5 children, Mrs. M. E. Harr, W. A. Staibus, Geo. Staibus, Mrs. Fannie Roberts and Mrs. Nannie Craig, and 39 grand-children and 13 great-grand-children. Christian Staibus was a Virginian, but bought the old Seneker place in 1872 where he spent the remainder of his life and where hospitality and square dealing were mottoes. Mr. Staibus was an elder in the Presbyterian church for years, and actively engaged in its work so long as he could get around. It has to be, but still we regret the loss of pioneers who did so much in making our country what it is. The good old man was laid away in Elliott cemetery Wednesday afternoon after services conducted by his pastor, Rev. Franc. Mitchell.

There were 37 births in this county during November, and 15 deaths from the following causes: whooping cough, 1; consumption, 1; cancer, 1; other diseases of nervous system, 3; heart disease, 1; Bright's disease, 1; accidents, 2; other causes, 5.

O. G. (Dick) Dameron is recovering rapidly from the attack of appendicitis which has kept him in bed for two weeks. We are glad to learn he escaped the necessity of an operation.

## County Court Proceedings

The County Court met pursuant to adjournment with the following officers present, to-wit: A. S. Taylor, presiding judge; M. J. Lain and Barney Reigelsberger, associate judges; A. N. Harding, Sheriff and C. C. Parks, clerk.

Clerk presents distribution of County Foreign Insurance money for the year 1911, which is examined, approved and ordered that warrants in the following amounts be issued payable to the treasurer of the different cities, towns and villages as follows:

City of Brunswick.....	\$178.42
City of Keytesville.....	83.79
City of Salisbury.....	135.93
Village of Dalton.....	26.52
Village of Mendon.....	31.64
Village of Rothville.....	13.55
Village of Sumner.....	37.07
Village of Triplett.....	40.69

C. C. Parks, clerk presents his account against the state of Missouri in the sum of \$59.33 which is approved and ordered certified to the State Auditor for payment.

H. Y. Shupe, collector Mendon township ordered to credit the taxes assessed against W. C. Bartee for the year 1911 in the sum of \$2.80.

Same against J. B. Bartee in the sum of \$6.

Same against lot 1 and 2 in block 2 in Mendon in the sum of \$4.17.

Same against lots 19 to 24, inclusive, in Mendon in the sum of \$9.28.

W. D. Hibbler, collector of Brunswick township, ordered to credit taxes assessed against N. E. Winters in the sum of \$7.14. Same against Jno. Straub, Jr., in the sum of \$13.20.

Same against block 11 in Brinker's addition in the sum of \$9.10.

A. S. Rucker, collector of Salisbury township, credit taxes assessed against W. T. Martin in the sum of \$6.75.

Same against J. A. McCarty in the sum of \$1.80.

F. F. Hamilton, collector of Yellow Creek ordered to credit taxes assessed against R. E. Allen in the sum of \$31.60.

J. T. McCormick, collector of Cunningham township ordered to credit taxes assessed against Wm. Williams in the sum of \$22.86.

A. F. Maddock, collector of Triplett township ordered to credit taxes assessed against W. H. Perrine & Co., in the sum of \$2.19.

Same against Smith and Collins in the sum of \$3.46.

R. O. Young, collector of Chariton township ordered to credit taxes assessed against 115.65 acres w hf and se ne 1-32-18 in the sum of 10.17.

W. D. Hibbler, collector of Brunswick township ordered to credit taxes assessed against C. V. B. Slade in the sum of \$576.

## LOANS MADE

C. L. Adair in the sum of \$1,000 with J. G. Oldham and W. G. Dorrell as sureties. Rebecca Embree in the sum of \$375 with S. S. Kelso and L. A. Embree as sureties.

## Fire Residence Burned

Last Sunday a. m. the mansard roof dwelling of A. G. Kennedy at Brunswick burned with practically all its contents. This was one of the old time fire residences of that pretty city, and could not be replaced in kind for less than \$5000. The insurance we understand was \$3000 on the house and \$1000 on its contents—about one-fourth of the loss. The intense cold or something put out of the fire plug out of service, but there would have been little hope of saving it had this not been so.

## Gordon-Lentz

Communicated

The people of Mike, Mo., vicinity witnessed the marriage of Mr. Hugh Gordon and Miss Fern Lentz. Wednesday evening Jan. 3, 1912 at 7:30 o'clock at the Mike church, Rev. A. W. Maupin of Marceline performing the ceremony, which sealed the plighted vows that made their lives one.

The bride's attendant was Miss Clara Graves and the groom's best man was Mr. Glenn Shacklett. Immediately after the ceremony the contracting parties and a number of relatives and friends drove to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lentz where a bounteous wedding supper was served—the kind which the Lentz's are noted for having.

The bride is a lady at all times highly respected and admired by all who know her. We consider one fortunate in being numbered among her many friends. The groom is an intelligent, upright, straightforward young man of good habits and high in principle.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon will make their home on his farm near Mike. We extend our sincerest congratulations in wishing them much joy and happiness all through life.

## Kidd-Herring

Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 9 1912, Miss Lucile Joan Herring and Frank Kidd of St. Louis were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Herring at Brunswick. The ceremony was performed by Rev. White and the wedding march was played by Miss Ruth Herring, sister of the bride. There were no attendants, and only members of the immediate families were present. The bride was charmingly gowned in her travelling suit of gray. After the ceremony an elaborate six o'clock dinner was served and the newly married couple departed on No. 9 for Kansas City and other points. They will reside at St. Louis.

The bride is the second daughter of Judge and Mrs. L. H. Herring and is one of Chariton county's most beautiful and accomplished young girls. She has but recently returned from abroad where she studied art under the best known instructors. As Miss Herring she graduated at Central College at Lexington, Mo., taking two degrees. She is a member of the Eta Upsilon Gamma Sorority.

The bride-groom is a member of one of the first families of Sedalia, Mo., and is a graduate of the engineering department of our State University. He has a position in his profession.

Mrs. S. A. Burns, mother of our popular groceryman, W. H. Burns, celebrated her 75th birthday last Friday. Mrs. Burns was not looking for such an event until her daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Burns introduced the means for the occasion. While it was a very cold day, Mrs. Bowman, an old friend who will celebrate her 80th birthday Feb. 3, was present. Everybody joins in wishing Mrs. Burns many happy returns of the day.

Harry Spencer of De Witt has leased the Triplett Tribune and his first number is good. As an old hand at the business should do, we extend not only a hearty welcome among "Us," but offer every encouragement known in a timbered country, by advising you to burn coal, Harry.

U. D. C.'s, will meet with Miss Carrie Anderson Friday, January 12, at 7:30. Members will respond to roll call with appropriate tributes to Gen. Lee.

## Rev. C. V. T. Richeson Confesses

On October 14 last at Boston, Mass., Avis Linnell was discovered in a dying condition in the bath-room of the Young Women's Christian Association building. Investigation disclosed that she was the victim of cyanide of potassium poison and also that she was in a delicate condition and had taken the poison believing it was such medicine as would relieve her from inevitable exposure and disgrace. Knowing that Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, a baptist minister of Brookline, a suburb of Boston, had been attentive to the young woman who was handsome and a singer in the church choir and that she claimed to be engaged to marry the young minister, he was notified immediately of her death and the circumstances attending it. He enquired what he had to do with it, refused to go to her but on the contrary left his boarding house, went to the home of Miss Violet Edmonds and took up his quarters there and refused to be seen by any one except the family. Miss Edmonds is a young lady of wealth and high social standing to whom the minister was engaged unknown to his other betrothed, the dead Avis Linnell. The authorities learned that a druggist named Wm. Hahn of Newton, a small town not far distant, had sold Richeson enough cyanide to poison a dozen, and that the purchaser had represented that it was wanted to kill a troublesome dog at his boarding house. This was on Oct. 19, and on Oct. 20 the police succeeded in arresting Richeson at the home of Miss Edmonds after all night spent in efforts to do so. A special grand jury returned an indictment on Oct. 21 against Richeson for first degree murder, and on Nov. 14 his trial was set for Jan. 15th. The Edmonds family was constant and believed in the protestations of innocence made by Richeson and vowed to put their combined fortune at the disposal of the accused, if so much was necessary to establish his innocence. Distinguished counsel and eminent criminal lawyers were employed to defend the prisoner, and with the exception of his brother who lives at Elsberry, Mo., his family believed him not guilty and gave him its support. The brother denies any estrangement, tho admitting there has been little if any intercourse with the recalcitrant preacher; for fifteen years, and he further denies sensational stories concerning his wife upon hearing that her brother-in-law had confessed to committing the crime of poisoning his trusting sweetheart. On Dec. 20, Richeson mutilated himself with a piece of tin in his cell, and with suicidal intent, as it appeared to some, and a serious operation performed, the prospects were that he would be in no condition for trial on the day set. It developed that on that day he announced to his attorneys his intention of confessing, to which they that they had successfully objected, but on Jan. 3, he wrote the following to his attorneys:

"CLARENCE V. T. RICHESON."

The prosecuting attorney refused to make any agreement with Richeson's attorneys by which he might plead guilty to murder in second degree and be sentenced to life imprisonment—the penalty for murder in the first degree being only the electric chair, and accordingly on Tuesday, being arraigned on his confession, he was sentenced to death as provided by law. Unless Gov. Foss commutes the sentence to life imprisonment the Rev. Richeson will be executed.

But for the discovery of his purchase of the deadly drug at Newton, suspicion having been directed to Richeson by his cold blooded conduct when appealed to at her death and his attempt to conceal himself by hiding in the home and claiming the protection of another woman to whom he was engaged, proof of his having given Avis Linnell the deadly potion with intent to rid himself of an obstacle to wedding another and acquiring wealth, might never have been sufficient.

Acquitted, he would have married a too susceptible woman, lived in luxury and preached at the gospel and become famous, while in reality infamous; while Avis Linnell decayed and disappeared from all connection with his life; while the Iscariot who for a few pieces of gold and silver had effaced from earthly affairs a trusting heart and left her indiscretion to fight its own way to an explanation—aye, while penitents at the foot of the altar trembled at his thunderings against sin, Richeson, the cunning fiend would have scorned the spectre of his sweet-heart and waived back holy exhortation to himself repent. What a miraculous escape for Violet Edmonds, what welcome escape, tho by death, for Avis Linnell, can she but know it; for humiliation consequent upon learning that love, life and liberty had nearly been entrusted to a double dyed criminal is light compared with years of suffering such companionship; and death, oblivion and a disgraced name more sufferable for Avis than the society of a saintly assassin.

Bud Dooley is lucky. While hauling baled straw to the depot, his team took fright as he was in a car and ran down the track, scattering the bales as they went. About the east switch the horses swerved, going over the embankment and one rolling completely over the other. No damage to horses whatever, tho it is a span of horse-nerve.

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abandoned me, and my conscience and manhood, however depraved and blighted, will not admit of my still further wronging, by a public trial, her whose pure young life I have destroyed.

"Under the lashings of remorse I have suffered and am suffering the tortures of the damned. In this I find a measure of comfort. In my mental anguish I recognize that there is still, by the mercy of the Master, some remnant of the divine spark of goodness still lingering with me. I could wish to live only within some prison's walls that I might, in some small measure, redeem my sinful past, help some other despairing soul and, at last, find favor with my God.

"You are instructed to deliver this to the District Attorney or to the Judge of the court. Sincerely yours,

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